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SUBJ: SOCIALIST BLOC "NON-PARTICIPATION" IN BICENTENNIAL

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ASIDE FROM DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA GOING
INTO LESS DETAIL THAN WE HAD EXPECTED ABOUT ROMANIAN PLANS
TO OBSERVE BICENTENNIAL WHEN IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY, WE HAVE
SEEN NO SIGNS HERE THAT MIGHT SOMEHOW POINT TO ANY ROMANIAN DECISION
TO IGNORE THE
EVENT. IN FACT GLIGA TOLD AMBASSADOR FEBRUARY 23 THAT PLANS
WERE STILL GOING AHEAD FOR A "HIGH LEVEL" SEMINAR ON THE
BICENTENNIAL AND ON US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. AS A RESULT OF
HIS TRIP TO THE STATES AND DISCUSSIONS AT COLUMBIA, BLIGA IS
NOW PURSUING THE IDEA OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION, THE
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ACADEMY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES, INVITING AMERICAN
SCHOLARS TO TAKE PART. IN ADDITION HE SAID THAT THERE'LL BE
A "SERIES" OF OTHER OBSERVANCES, THE CONTENT OF WHICH HE WILL
BE DISCUSSING IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH PARTY SECRETARY FOR

PROPAGANDA AND IDEOLOGY BURTICA.

2. COMMENT: ROMANIAN HISTORIAN HAS ALREADY
SPOKEN DURING BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM AT AMERICAN LIBRARY HERE
AND ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE PROGRAM DATES ARE SET FOR NEAR
FUTURE, WE ARE NOT ANTICIPATING REFUSAL OF ROMANIANS TO
PARTICIPATE. BESIDES, EMBASSY EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST IS
THAT IF "ALL" SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ADOPT A GIVEN POSTURE
OF POLICY, ROMANIA WILL NEVERTHELESS FOLLOW ITS OWN WAY.
THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE CONFIRMED BY GLIGA STATEMENT
TO AMBASSADOR THAT GOR WOULD WANT TO COORDINATE ITS
OBSERVANCES WITH EMBASSY.
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